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The Utica Concert.

Altho the Glee and Instrumental Clubs were not greeted on Monday evening by a large audience, it was an appreciative one. The concert was given in the New Century Auditorium at Utica and was followed by the Sophomore Hop. This being the initial appearance of this season's clubs, it compared most favorably with that of previous years and easily met the expectations of the college body.

Both clubs were larger than in former years. The Instrumental Club now has the appearance of an orchestra. While this adds much to the volume and pulsation of the tones, many still prefer the more marked mandolin effect. The Glee Club has several humming accompaniments which have in past years been quite popular. These, however, need to be as carefully rendered as any of the numbers to have a good effect. The two favorite selections were "The Whistler and His Dog," and "The Cat Serenade." "Mulligan's Musketeers" was also commended by many. In fact, every number on the program was encored. Simmons, with the aid of a colored friend, did some stunts in "Lovin' Henry," and sang "My Mariuccia" for an encore. Sarles has a good baritone voice and sang his solos with credit. Dewey Hawley, '02, pleased the audience for quite a while with his readings. They were masterfully rendered, deserving the enthusiastic applause which he received.

Manager Mecker reports the profits of the evening as amounting to over \$50. This result is gratifying as the amount will be of great service to the management at this stage of the season.

There will be few, if any, more re-

hearsals until the opening of next term. The clubs have been practicing hard and deserve much credit; the leaders have shown great perseverance and patience. All the rough edges can easily be overcome by hard work. Now that we have begun well we feel assured that the ambitious schedule for the winter and spring of 1907 will be carried out with honor to the clubs, to the leaders and to the college.

The Sophomore Hop.

The annual Sophomore Hop was held in the Auditorium at Utica directly after the concert given by the Glee and Instrumental Clubs on Monday evening. The occasion was very successful and enjoyable, being attended by about fifty-five couples.

The entire program of thirty dances was completed before it was necessary to leave in order to catch the special car for Clinton. The only decoration was the imposing class banner in golden-brown and white at the south end of the hall. The unusual place for the Hop seemed to meet the approval of all, it being more convenient for the majority of fellows with girls than Clinton. The music was all that could be desired.

The patronesses were Mrs. Root, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. White and Mrs. Nichols, of Clinton; Mrs. Willoughby, Mrs. Smyth, Mrs. Crim and Mrs. Bellinger, of Utica. The committee was as follows: Wilcox, chairman, Willoughby, Smyth, Conklin, Griffis, Morris, Woolcott, Osborn and McGarry. The music was furnished by Westel White. Owens, of Utica, was the caterer.

—A new bucket at the college well is very much needed.

"The November Lit."

Disguised as the November number of the *Lit.*, a missile has been shot into our midst, in the form of an editorial by Barrows, '07, of which (meaning the editorial, not Mr. Barrows) we shall say more anon. In the meantime, here's for a cautious and circumspect review of the mass of literature which serves as its background.

Our exhortations to the mute and listless Freshman, have not been unavailing, the first shot from 1910 being fired by no less a person than Harry E. Dounce, at one time editor of the Syracuse High School *Recorder*. It is gratifying to be able to state that he hit the mark, for surely his "Canoe Song" is one of the most pleasing and artistic bits of verse which the *Lit.* has ever published; pleasing in that its appeal reaches even those who generally skip the poetry and hurry on down the pages to some conversation; artistic in that he has the rare faculty of making music out of words and of so handling the metrical construction that his rhymes do not creak and thus impede the thought. We have always had at least two assailants of the verse on the Hill, and it would seem that the roomy and well chosen mantle of Kinney and Stryker is to descend on Baum and Dounce. And by the way, where is Baum? Surely *he* did not take offense at our amiable comment. A man of his ability has no more right not to write than the husky youth has to peer at football practice from the cosy warmth of the dormitory.

Of all four chapel essays on the "French Revolution," the *Lit.* has certainly captured the best. The one by H. W. Smith, '08, is well expressed and what is rarer, well balanced.

Day's "Cosmos and Man" is also given. It ranks among the three best orations which the Seniors have produced so far. Woolcott has an interesting sketch on the "Hill Walk." Why not have more of these, we wonder, with all our mass of tradition from which to draw. Is not Hamilton old enough to be in its anecdote?

Whoever writes Criticus this year, does so capitally, our only complaint being that he might be more specific in this number. The college needs a good stinging arraignment. Why not let it come from the *Lit*? "What is the matter with Hamilton," we suggest as a head-liner for the next issue, despite the fact that there are those who verbosely resent criticisms.

The rest of the issue falls easily under two heads: Pathetic and Humorous. In the first group comes Dounce's story, "The Colonel," capitally written, but badly handicapped by an attempt at dialect. Wreathed in sniffles as it is, it comes dangerously near to deserving a class of its own, the "Bath-etic." Here, too, we find an irresistibly sad little story by Peck. Read it, all you with fine, healthy limbs and normal bodies, and bear in mind how easy it is to wound those who are less fortunate. As a poetic effort Leavenworth's verse might also be called pathetic; he has done better.

In the humorous group, we find a story by Woolcott called "Pearl." It is the best effort in an especially good edition. The author has a real sense of humor which invites the reader from the very start.

But where to class Barrow's editorial? If he meant it to be funny, we grant that it diverted us vastly and promptly put it at the head of the humorous offerings. If not, if he meant all those wondrous sentiments, why, the editorial ascends to pathos of the first order. Why he should have taken umbrage at our comments we fail to see. If he calls us pessimistic when we write on certain articles in all good nature, what would he have said if we had gone at them grouchy. Something nasty, we fear; something which even the *Lit*, with all its last year's shady reputation to maintain, would have balked at printing; and is

it not manifestly absurd to deny a man the right of criticising a piece of work, simply because its author might be the better critic. Are no flaws to be found in Shakespeare, no comment to be made on his plays, simply because his peer as a master of dramatic art does not live to do it? Rubbish, we say, rubbish. And then to slander us by making allusions to yellow journals and all manner of unpleasant things. *Et tu*, Barrows, '07.

1907 Oration and Essay Subjects.

The Clark Prize Orations—The Ambition and defeat of Metternich; The Passing of Absolutism; The Jew in the English Drama; Schiller's Idealism; The Brutality of Power; The Romance of Endurance; The Parity of the Three Departments of Government; Garibaldi.

The 45th Pruyn Medal Oration—Education and Democracy.

The 44th Head Prize Oration—Washington's debt to Alexander Hamilton.

The 35th Kirkland Prize Oration—The Hebrew and Greek Languages as Vehicles of Religious Truth.

The Junior Prize Essays—More's "Utopia," a Protest and a Prophecy; The Miser in Literature.

The Sophomore Prize Essays—Thackeray's "Book of Snobs" as a Social Warning; The History and Achievements of the Associated Press.

The Freshman Prize Essays—The Story of the Palatines in America; Great Calamities in Nature: St. Pierre, San Francisco.

Alumni in Science and Invention.

When what is now known as Columbia University was founded in New York City, a stone wall was built around the campus. Upon this wall near one of the gates, sixteen college seals were placed, and among these was that of Hamilton. The alumni of our "little college on the Hill" stood in the past, and stand now in the front rank of the influential men of this country. The prominence of Hamilton alumni, however, has been found to a great extent among the men who have chosen one of the professions as their life's work.

Still there have also been many distinguished alumni in science and invention.

Among the earliest alumni of this college in the field of science and invention were Avery, '20, Meriville, '23, Stansbury, '27, Hadley, '34, Marsh, '36. These men were all prominent as instructors in natural science in what were then the leading colleges of this country. The men of the classes between 1850 and 1900 who have distinguished themselves as instructors of science are Cochran, '50, Dakin, '51, Williams, '52, Kelsey, '56, Paine, '59, Root, '62, Rising, '64, Dr. Porter, '73, who formerly acted as assistant to Dr. Peters in the Litchfield observatory and later was director of the University of Cincinnati, Clark, '83, Leavenworth, '89, Dodge, '90, and Dr. Sharp, '90, who is now in charge of the Electrical Testing Laboratories of New York City.

The other scientific men of Hamilton in the last century have been distinguished in the medical world. Among these are found the names of Dr. Millard, '55, Dr. Searle, '55, Dr. Brockway, '57, Dr. Marsh, '57, Dr. Macfarlane, '58, Dr. Avery, '60, Dr. Brewer, '83, Dr. France, '95, and many others.

Dr. Butler, '77, of Brooklyn, wrote a medical treatise, several volumes of which have already been published.

Of late years, in addition to the instructors, some technical men have been added, such as Rogers, '05, who is a mining engineer; Cookinham, '00, who has invented a ventilator for a mining shaft; Oren Root, Jr., '94, who is now vice-president of the Metropolitan Street Railway. Trumbull, '98, is interested in bridge building; Beckwith, '04, is a chemist in the United States Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Davenport, '01, a bacteriologist. Besides these there are many others who are interested in these lines.

The alumni of old Hamilton are to be found everywhere, and wherever they are, or at whatever they are working they are sure to be in the front rank, upholding the reputation of our alma mater, made by the men before them.

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THE MUSICAL CLUBS deserve praise for a very commendable concert. It was especially good for the first attempt of the season. They are both better than the clubs have ever been before at such an early date. A little more snap and swing might add something to the effect of a few of the numbers. Some of the Instrumental Club's pieces are perhaps too heavy and slow for the average audience. We would suggest a number or two with a little more life. But taken as whole the concert was good and promises well for a successful season.

THERE, THERE, SIS LIT., don't be peevish. LIFE never meant to be harsh with you. It was all done in a spirit of kindly criticism, with a sincere desire to help pilot you along the way to that ideal literary goal towards which you are so assiduously striving and which is not so distant. Believe us, nothing more than this altruistic spirit of philanthropy prompted us. If some embryonic and aspiring Keats of tender years has been nipped in the bud, discouraged and deeply wounded by the two piercing and rapier-like

thrust of the critic's pen, we cannot but be sorry. We trust that his wounds are but temporary and not exhaustive of life, that they will serve only as spurs to his ambition and cause him to struggle on the harder, even tho the critic relent not.

We are glad to know that "Sis" is approved of by the trustees and faculty. It must give her a needed confidence. With that fact well in mind she can always feel assured that her position is unassailable and her contents the quintessence of literary excellence. Read this issue of LIFE for a consummate criticism of the November *Lit*.

FOR WHAT HAS HAMILTON College been famous in the past? For what does she stand pre-eminent today? In what special department has she gained a nation-wide reputation? Surely none would answer athletics. Tho we have at times been formidably represented in this line we have not regularly stood foremost in our class. This for reasons of which we are proud. Yet we believe it the duty of a Hamilton man to foster a warm spirit for athletics. We expect him to cheer the teams at practice and during the games. We expect him to give whatever financial support he can afford. In short, he owes it to the college to put his all into the cause of athletics; and fittingly does the student do these things.

The successful participant in athletics is rewarded with an "H." He may well be proud to wear it for, if nothing else, it represents clean athletics. To return to the above questions, we would answer, as would most anyone, public speaking and debating. Now we ask another question: Compared to former times, how much interest and how much spirit is manifested for debating by the present college generation? Do the fellows get out on the sidelines at a debate and cheer the team on with that spirit which prevails on the football field? Do they come out at all for an interclass debate, unless dragged out by a sense of duty? The answer is emphatically no. And yet thru the former success of this department and because of the keen in-

terest taken in it by the students, Hamilton has become famous for its oratory and debate. We have an enviable position among the colleges of this country because of a great public speaking course. Hamilton men the nation over are known for their ability as speakers. If you learn nothing else here you are supposed to learn to express yourself well. Now, Hamilton wants this name to live forever. She desires to be known as a producer of good speakers and debaters. May she ever be. But will she if present conditions prevail in the future?

We do not maintain that the present department is inefficient, or that present conditions will jeopardize Hamilton's fame. However, we do believe that there is much less interest taken in this department than there was in former times. We believe that debating is not given proper attention by either faculty or student. Something should be done to stimulate an interest in this course. Why should there not be as much spirit manifested over an intercollegiate or even an interclass debate as over an athletic contest? Debating has been defined as the athletics of the brain, and as such should call forth a true college spirit. As an incentive to athletics the "H" is offered. Would not a debating insignia be just as appropriate? It would be a mark of intellectual effort and hence a symbol of the best that is in a man. Mayhap it would serve to increase the interest of the students in debating and thus gather them around a standard of intellectual athletics. It has been suggested that some sort of a valuable cup be offered as a prize for the interclass debate. This seems like a good suggestion, and no doubt is one which some interested alumnus would be glad to carry out.

In starting an agitation for these innovations LIFE is very sincere and hopes for support from both the faculty and college body. We solicit sentiment and suggestion on this question from all interested sources.

—The revelers Monday night regretted that the sidewalk committee had not finished its labors.

1905.

The class of 1905, tho it has been two years since their departure, is still young in the memory of the present student generation. As are most classes, 1905 is divided pretty evenly between business men and those with professions. All seem destined to success.

Those studying law are Abbey and Palmer, at Columbia; Beach, Dickenson, Root and Stowell, at Harvard; Harwood, at New York; and Sullivan, at Albany. Love is attending medical college in Cleveland, and Evans and Paton are at the College for Physicians and Surgeons in New York; Dean at the general Theological Seminary in New York; Day at San Anselmo, California; Weber, at Auburn; and Hallman, at Princeton are preparing for the ministry. Thompson is a teacher of Latin in the Kingsley school, Essex Falls, N. Y.; Jenks is an instructor at Ogdensburg; Hoffman is one of the faculty of Johnstown High School; McIntyre has a position at Cornwall Heights school and Farrel, Crumb, Ackerman and Eysamen are also teaching.

Of the business element, Child is associated with the Diamond Match Company, at Buffalo; Loftis is traveling salesman for a cereal concern; Rockwell is at Oneida Castle, N. Y.; Farey is with a chemical company in Chicago; Humphrey in a prominent bond house; Merrick is in business in California; Munger, editor of a Frankfort paper; Mills and Schwab, in a manufacturing establishment at Mt. Morris; Kingsley, manager of the Philadelphia branch of the New York Library Bureau; Rogers, in Cananea, Mexico; Hayes is a banker in Clinton; Sherman is in Utica and Richardson, Stiles and Speh are in the Western Electric Company, the last named being manager of the telephone equipment department in Chicago.

New South.

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Thru the building, dividing it into two parts, is a fire wall; and as the halls and stairways are of tile and steel, the structure is practically fire proof.

The plan of the rooms resembles that in Carnegie. There are thirty suites, six of which accommodate three men, the rest two. In each corridor is a bath room. Each suite has a fireplace. The study rooms will be finished in maple and the bedrooms in pine. The walls will be plastered and painted like those in Carnegie. The lighting is to be by electricity, but gas pipes are in so that a change can be made at any time. Heating is to be by steam.

The things that most impress one from the outside are the tower and doorways. The tower has a width of 30 feet and rises 56 feet, including five stories and ending squarely in battlements. The window grouping in the fifth story is particularly artistic. The doorways are fine; they possess an air of dignity and freedom that attracts much attention.

The building will probably be completed this winter. The plastering has been finished and the painters and plumbers are now at work. However, it will probably not be opened for occupancy this year.

Basket-ball Rules.

The new guide for official collegiate basket-ball was issued several weeks ago. There are some important changes in the rules for this year. The basket-ball courts must have a minimum dimension of 70 by 35 feet, and the side and end lines must be not less than three feet from any obstruc-

tion. A delay of but two minutes is allowed for time out. The definition of holding reads thus: "Any actual holding of an opponent with the hands, or impeding his progress in any manner more than momentarily shall be considered holding." The entire control of the game is given to one official.

—Manager Holley, '08, is busy arranging the baseball schedule for next spring. An eastern trip which had been thought of could not be arranged, Wesleyan being the only team with which a game could be secured. About the same games will be played as last year, twelve having already been scheduled.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:55 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:43 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 6:05 p. m.

Trains leave Clinton for Utica, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 6:05 p. m. For Rome, 11:30 a. m., 6:08 p. m. For South, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m.

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College Notes.

—Barrows, '06, was on the Hill Sunday.

—Only a fortnight remains in which to use cuts.

—Dr. Stryker has been spending a few days in New York City.

—Snow-breakers have been erected on the west side of the Campus.

—Dr. Wood addressed a banquet of the Olivet Church of Utica one night last week.

—A great many of the fellows spent Thanksgiving and a few days following it at their homes.

—The lights in the Gym. are very poor for basket-ball practice. A few new mantles would help.

—Those who passed off their conditions in solid geometry last week have been given a third of their cuts.

—The job of laying the sidewalk on the Hill has been let. The work should be hurried along at once.

—On account of the absence of Dr. Stryker Wednesday morning Dr. Davenport conducted the chapel exercises.

—A new mail-box, bought by the fellows in the south part of Carnegie, has been placed in the hall on the first floor.

—The cannon on the campus has not yet been mounted. It would seem as if something could be done in regard to this.

—The different classes should elect their basket-ball captains and managers soon. No likely 'varsity material is to be chosen.

—The members of the Auburn High School football team, which played U. F. A. in Utica Saturday, stayed over Sunday on the Hill.

—The basket-ball team is showing up very strongly in practice. On Tuesday the very strongest scrub that could be picked was beaten 28-2 in the first half.

—The Sophomore Hop committee reports a loss of forty dollars. When has an underclassman dance paid for itself? Surely not within the memory of the present college generation. Yet they are well worth the hole they dig.

—It may be news to some in college that the house of Samuel Kirkland, near the cemetery, was situated originally near professor White's residence, and was about to be torn down when the trustees bought it and moved it to its present situation.

—Has anyone heard that we are to have and intercollegiate debate next term? We have participated in at least one each winter term for several years. Of course there would not be as much interest in it as there would be in a football game. Yet it might be well enough supported to pay. Let's get challenged or challenge.

—For a little time it seemed as tho the far-famed class rivalry of the Hamilton underclasses was defunct. To the great relief of the upperclassmen evidence was lately forthcoming that this spirit was not dead, but merely dormant. Several startled Sophomores became suddenly aware that they must recall to mind the correct way to coo-coo from a fire-place, or conduct a match race with the assistance of their nasal appendages.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Saturday—7 p. m., College Club in the parlors of Silliman Hall.

Sunday—Right after chapel Dr. Wood meets Freshman Bible Class in Silliman Hall; 4:30 p. m., college prayer meeting, leader, Day, '07.

Wednesday—7 p. m., Freshman prayer meeting, topic, "Usefulness, a Motive of Life," Mark 15:31, leader, Brasted.

Thursday—7 p. m., Sophomore prayer meeting, topic, "Courage," I Cor. 16:13, leader, Baum.

Among the Colleges.

The faculty at Wisconsin has compelled the Juniors to reduce the price of their "prom" to three dollars. It formerly was six dollars.

The University of Indiana is considering the establishment of a school of journalism. At the head of this will be placed an experienced newspaper man.

The new veterinary school at the University of Pennsylvania, is nearing completion. The building is of three stories and is one of the best in the East.

Professor Andrew Fleming Nest, dean of the Graduate School of Princeton University, has received an invitation to the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The equipment of the University of California is soon to be increased by a new \$100,000 building to be used for the Department of Jurisprudence. The structure will include a library capable of holding 50,000 volumes.

The enrollment last year of the twenty leading colleges of the United States is as follows: Harvard 5300, Columbia 4964, Michigan 4571, Illinois 4074, Minnesota 3950, Pennsylvania 3600, Wisconsin 3171, Cornell 3461, Yale 3208, Chicago 3204, California 3045, Northwestern 2918, Nebraska 2914, Iowa 1815, Leland Stanford, Jr., 1786, Kansas 1708, Indiana 1684, Missouri 1518, M. I. T. 1460, Princeton 1384.



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